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SUBJ: WELL-FIRE IN AGHA JARI

- 1. KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL OCT 24 REPORTS WELL IN GIANT AGHA JARI FIELD HAS BLOWN OUT AND CAUGHT FIRE. NO INJURIES REPORTED BUT DRILLING RIG DESTROYED. WELL LOCATED 119 MILES SE OF AHWAZ BLEW OUT WHEN HIGH-PRESSURE GAS WAS HIT AT DEPTH OF 3200 FEET. EXPERTS ON SITE QUOTED AS SAYING TWO RIGS IN PLACE NEAR BURNING WELL, AND WILL DRILL INTO BURNING WELL TO PLUG IT. SAME EXPERTS SAID FIRE WOULD BE OUT IN 25-30 DAYS AND ADDED NO OUTSIDE EXPERTS WOULD BE NEEDED TO CONTROL THE FIR. THEY SAID ATTEMPTS MAY ALSO BE MADE TO BLOW OUT THE FIRE BY AERIAL BOMBING WITH HIGH EXPLOSIVES.
- 2. CONSUL REPORTS FROM KHORRAMSHAHR THAT WELL BLEW OUT 22:00 OCT 22 AND ADDED RED ADAIR AND HIS TEAM OF BLOW-OUT SPECIALISTS ARE EXPECTED MOMENTARILY, NEWSPAPER REPORTS TO CONTRARY NOTHWITHSTANDING.

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